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In re Application of

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Group Art Unit: 1756

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For: PHOTOMASK, AND METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PRODUCING THE SAME

STATUS INQUIRY

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Sir:

The above-identified application was filed on November 17, 2003. Since more than two and one-half years have elapsed since that date, and no action has been received by attorney for applicant, Applicant respectfully requests that the undersigned attorney be informed of the status of the referenced application. It is noted that the Official Gazette indicates applications filed on or before January 11, 2004 in the above-assigned group art unit should have received an action on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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